Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In early 1886, a covered wagon train of Scandinavians arrived at their "promised land" which is now Fayette Township in South Dakota. They came from Tracey, Minnesota, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, As there was no school the first summer, the children picked flowers for their mothers to make into perfume and chased tumble weeds across the prairie; and,

WHEREAS, In April 1887, a meeting was held and a decision was made to build a school; and,

WHEREAS, Although most of the homesteaders helped build the school, it was not completely finished when the first term of school began on May 23, 1887; and,

WHEREAS, In 1892, the school was moved to a new site, but still remained within Fayette Township, and in 1966-67 a new school was built rather than remodel the 79-year old school house; and,

WHEREAS, Pupils from over 100 families received all or part of their education in the Fayette school, and the school was also used as a Lutheran Church for about fifty years; and,

WHEREAS, The door will close on Fayette school, after 102 years of being a part of the community, but many memories will remain of the good old days of coal stoves and riding horses to school; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper as Governor to bid a fond farewell to this school as it has served the public well:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 28, 1989, as

FAYETTE SCHOOL DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fourth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE